

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-6 as follows.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A brake cable connecting apparatus for a drum brake device, comprising:

a brake lever, a proximal portion thereof is superposed and pivotally supported on a brake shoe so as to move at least one brake shoe outwardly, a U-shaped groove is formed in a distal portion thereof, and a primary seating is provided around a bottom of the U-shaped groove at a cable releasing release side so as to face a shoe rim of the brake shoe; and

a brake cable, an inner cable thereof received into the U-shaped groove, and a cable end fitting thereof, fixed on one end of the inner cable, is seated on the primary seating, wherein

a secondary seating, on which the cable end fitting is temporarily seated, is provided around an opening of the U-shaped groove of the brake lever at the cable releasing release side and also provided at a portion apart from the primary seating so as to face the shoe rim of the brake shoe; and

a cable disengagement prevention configuration is provided between an intermediate portion of the brake lever that is located between the primary seating and the secondary seating, and the brake shoe, the cable disengagement prevention configuration ~~so as to~~ allows the cable end fitting to pass from the secondary seating to the primary seating only when the brake lever is rotated but ~~to prevents~~ the cable end fitting from passing from the primary seating to the secondary seating when the

brake lever is not rotated.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The cable connecting apparatus for the drum brake device according to Claim 2 1, wherein

the cable disengagement prevention configuration is composed of the brake lever and the shoe rim of the brake shoe.

Claim 4 (original): The cable connecting apparatus for the drum brake device according to Claim 1, wherein

the primary seating and the secondary seating of the brake lever are together formed in a step-like surface.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The cable connecting apparatus for the drum brake device according to Claim 2 3, wherein

the primary seating and the secondary seating of the brake lever are together formed in a step-like surface.

Claim 6 (cancelled):